



Massachusetts
Department
of
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PROTECTION

Summary

Waste Ban Regulations:
310CMR19.017

Prohibited Recyclable Materials:

Glass, metal and plastic containers; paper, including cardboard; leaf and yard waste;

As of 7/1/06: asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, metal and wood

Prohibited “zero-tolerance” materials:

Batteries, whole tires, white goods (large appliances), cathode ray tubes (TVs and computer monitors)

Why waste bans?

- Capture more recyclables
- Conserve disposal capacity
- Keep hazards out of the environment

fact sheet

Your Municipality and Waste Ban Compliance

What is the purpose of the waste bans?

Waste bans are prohibitions on the disposal and transfer for disposal of certain toxic and/or recyclable items (see “Summary” sidebar and reverse). Waste bans are intended to encourage reuse and/or recycling of certain waste materials, conserve disposal capacity, and reduce adverse environmental impacts from waste materials containing toxic substances.

What is DEP’s waste ban compliance strategy?

MassDEP has an equitable two-pronged approach to compliance and enforcement of the waste bans. This strategy holds all parties responsible for waste ban compliance, including solid waste facility operators, haulers and generators of solid waste. Where necessary, MassDEP pursues enforcement actions against facilities, haulers and waste generators that violate waste bans.

- MassDEP reviews and approves solid waste facility waste ban compliance plans and inspects solid waste facilities to ensure they are in compliance with monitoring, inspections, record-keeping, signage, and other facility waste ban requirements.
- MassDEP conducts inspections at solid waste facilities to identify haulers and generators (businesses, institutions, municipalities, etc.) that dispose of banned materials.



What Do Municipalities Need to Know?

- **As solid waste facility operators**, municipalities that operate landfills and transfer stations must maintain and comply with their waste ban plan.
- **As service providers to residents**, municipalities that collect solid waste and/or contract for collection service, must also comply with waste bans. Municipalities can demonstrate compliance with the waste bans by complying with Department Approved Recycling Program (DARP). However, cities and towns with DARP status that repeatedly dispose of excessive amounts of banned materials may lose their DARP status and be at risk of enforcement. MassDEP will work with interested non-DARP cities and towns to improve their recycling and composting programs and obtain DARP status.
- **As generators of solid waste**, municipalities need to ensure that banned materials are separated from trash at their municipal offices and facilities, including schools, town halls, and parks departments.
- **As recycling program managers**, municipal recycling officials can use waste ban enforcement to strengthen local recycling requirements and hold haulers responsible for recycling service.

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Information on Waste Bans

• Current Materials Prohibited from disposal by 310 CMR 19.017

Glass Containers: glass bottles and jars (soda-lime glass) but excluding light bulbs, Pyrex cookware, plate glass, drinking glasses, windows, windshields and ceramics.

Metal Containers: aluminum, steel or bi-metal beverage and food containers.

Single Polymer Plastics: all narrow-neck plastic containers.

Recyclable Paper: all paper, cardboard, and paperboard products excluding tissue paper, toweling, paper plates and cups, wax-coated cardboard, and other low-grade paper products, which become unusable to paper mills as a result of normal intended use.

Yard Waste: grass clippings, weeds, garden materials, shrub trimmings, and brush 1" or less in diameter (excluding diseased plants).

Leaves: deciduous and coniferous leaf deposition.

Batteries: lead-acid batteries used in motor vehicles or stationary applications.

White Goods: appliances employing electricity, oil, natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas to preserve or cook food; wash or dry clothing, cooking or kitchen utensils or related items. These typically include refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, clothes dryers, gas or electric ovens and ranges, and hot water heaters.

Whole Tires: motor vehicle tires of all types. Whole tires may be disposed at combustion facilities. Shredded tires (a tire which has been cut, sliced or ground into four or more pieces such that the circular form of the tire has been eliminated) are not prohibited.

Cathode Ray Tubes: any intact, broken, or processed glass tube used to provide the visual display in televisions, computer monitors and certain scientific instruments such as oscilloscopes.

• Additional Restricted Materials as of July 1, 2006

The following construction and demolition debris materials are prohibited from disposal:

- **Asphalt Pavement, Brick and Concrete:** asphalt pavement, brick and concrete from construction activities and demolition of buildings and similar sources.
- **Metal**
- **Wood:** Treated and untreated wood, including wood waste. Wood may be disposed at combustion facilities.

Resources on Waste Bans

Waste ban information can be found on MassDEP's web site at:
www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/solid/regs0201.htm, or contact the commercial waste reduction hotline: 617-348-4002.